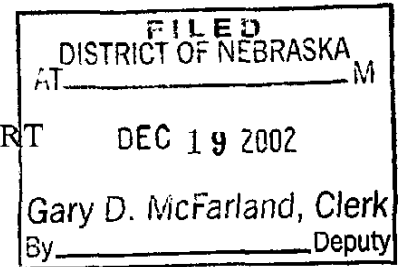


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA



IN RE THE APPOINTMENT OF)
A MERIT SELECTION PANEL)
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS)
REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT)
OF A UNITED STATES)
MAGISTRATE JUDGE)

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 2002-13

Having been advised by Magistrate Judge Kathleen A. Jaudzemis that she intends to retire on or about May 2, 2003, and pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) (the Statute) and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States governing such matters (the Regulations), the active district judges of this court have unanimously agreed to create a merit selection panel for the purpose of making recommendations to the court regarding the appointment of a person to succeed Judge Jaudzemis. Pursuant to the unanimous vote of the active district judges,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A merit selection panel (Panel) is hereby appointed consisting of the following persons, at least three of whom are lay persons:

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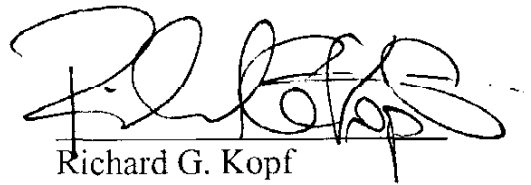
2. The chairperson of the Panel is Raneta Lawson Mack.

3. The Panel shall perform the duties and have the powers provided by the Statute, the Regulations, this Order and such instructions as may be provided by the Chief Judge which are not inconsistent with the Statute and Regulations.

4. After the court has given published notice as required by law, but on or before February 28, 2003, the Panel shall make a written confidential recommendation to the court identifying the names of five individuals thought qualified to fill the position of United States Magistrate Judge.

December 19, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kopf', written over a horizontal line.

Richard G. Kopf
Chief Judge